

CLOSING REMARKS ON IRAQ  
WATCH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. ABERCROMBIE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to take the 5 minutes. I would like to defer to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. HOEFFEL) for such concluding remarks as he might like to make.

Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Chair, and I thank the gentleman for his cooperation. I would like to thank the gentlemen that joined in the discussion this evening. We will be back next week, and the Iraq Watch will continue to ask questions about our policies in Iraq. We need to discuss some legislative proposals such as the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EMANUEL) has made, his American Parity Act, which would require the spending of equivalent dollars on our American domestic needs for each dollar spent on domestic needs in Iraq. If we are going to spend \$10 billion on housing in Iraq, we want to do the same in America. If we are going to spend money on water systems or infrastructure improvements in Iraq, we are suggesting we do the same in America.

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That legislation deserves consideration during our next weekly discussion. We will ask more questions about the administration's policies. We hope we will get answers. I think it is a consensus view of all of us that we need to know what the plan is in Iraq. And we need to know what our exit strategy is in Iraq before this Congress will be comfortable in appropriating another \$87 billion. We need to know what our strategy is, what conditions we are trying to achieve, what yardsticks we can use to measure our progress, how we can internationalize the situation in Iraq, how we can get Iraqis back in charge of Iraq because that must be the ultimate goal for all of us.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. EMERSON (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

Mr. JANKLOW (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

Mr. MCHUGH (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today until 7:00 p.m. on account of attending the funeral of his constituent, Sergeant Chad E. Fuller, who was killed on August 31 in Afghanistan while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

## SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legis-

lative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material):

Mr. MENENDEZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ETHERIDGE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JEFFERSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BEREUTER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material):

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, September 10.

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, September 10 and 11.

Mr. HENSARLING, for 5 minutes, September 10.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, September 16.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, today and September 10.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHUSTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, September 10 and 11.

Mr. OXLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, for 5 minutes, September 10.

Mr. BEREUTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. HARRIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, September 10 and 11.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material):

Mr. ABERCROMBIE, for 5 minutes, today.

## SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 64. Concurrent resolution to commend members of the United States Armed Forces for their services to the United States in the liberation of Iraq, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

S. Con. Res. 65. Concurrent resolution to commend the Third Infantry Division (Mechanized) of the United States Army for its role in the liberation of Iraq; to the Committee on Armed Services.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 40 minutes

p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 10, 2003, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4041. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Acetamidiprid; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-2002-0299; FRL-7324-1] received August 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4042. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption; Technical Amendment [OPP-2003-0288; FRL-7323-9] received August 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4043. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Lambda Cyhalothrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-2003-0267; FRL-7321-3] received August 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4044. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Propylene Carbonate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-2003-0284; FRL-7323-7] received September 2, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4045. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Diflubenzuron; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-2003-0279; FRL-7323-1] received August 26, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4046. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, Case Number 01-02, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

4047. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, Case Number 01-01, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

4048. A letter from the Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, Case Number 01-04, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

4049. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement Vice Admiral Scott A. Fry, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4050. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Emil R. Bedard, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4051. A letter from the Senior Paralegal (Regulations), Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Lending and Investment [No. 2001-82] (RIN: 1550-AB37) received September 2, 2003, pursuant to 5